



Class Descriptions

Tap Ties Community Tap Classes for Teens and Adults ages 12+

Back to the Basics, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate/Advanced Tap

The emphasis will be on the Basics of Rhythm Tap. Together we will journey through Traditional Tap Choruses and Rhythm Tap Technique while building your tap vocabulary and focusing on musicality and timing.

Back to the Basics Tap - This class is for you if you've never tapped before or you've had less than 1 year of tap training. We will cover basic tap vocabulary and skills including weight shifts, toe/heel drops, shuffles, hops, stomps vs stamps, cramp rolls, flaps vs slaps, etc. A basic introduction to music and rhythm concepts will be covered as well.

Beginner Tap - This level will continue to cover the basics of tap technique and vocabulary at a slightly quicker pace. This class is for you if you've had some tap dance experience but it's been a while, or if you'd like a refresher on the basics. You will strengthen your tap skills as you explore new material and basic traditional choruses.

Advanced Beginner Tap - In order to participate in this level class, you should know basic tap vocabulary and be able to distinguish and perform various rhythms and time signatures using a moderate tempo. In this class, we will explore more intricate footwork and help you develop your tap technique and understanding of music concepts.

Int/Adv Tap - You should have an extensive understanding of tap vocabulary, be able to distinguish a wide variety of rhythms and time signatures and learn at a quick pace. More intricate patterns will be introduced involving paddle and rolls, rhythm turns, time steps, flash steps (e.g. drawbacks, pickups, pullbacks, wings, etc.) by using contemporary choreography as well as traditional choruses.

Traditional Tap Choruses - This class is NOT for Basic or Beginner tappers. Explore material by some of the masters of tap including the Copasetics, Bill 'Bojangles' Robinson, Leon Collins, Miriam Nelson, James 'Buster' Brown, LaVaughn Robinson, Pete Nugent, and more. You will need a solid foundation of tap technique and be able to learn choreography quickly. We will share some tap history and video footage to enhance this class experience.

All Levels - Skills & Drills - These classes are designed to help develop your understanding of rhythm, speed, and sound. A variety of drills will be taught using a series of progressions exploring basic through advanced concepts that you can use to strengthen your tap training. Exercises will focus on building flexibility of the knees and ankles, coordination, and speed of movement.